three years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 in broad gauge sector through improvement of (i) Electric and diesel locomotives (ii) Coaches and (iii) Tracks; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the average actual speeds of Mail/Express trains came down during this period from 47.5 to 47.1 kmph and that of passenger trains from 27.6 to 27.2 kmph in the same period, despite the above expenditure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No separate account is maintained under the head "attaining higher speeds". Inputs were made in respect of locomotives and tracks to improve the efficiency of the system.

(b) This marginal decrease is because of increased loads, more halts, increased level of track renewals and other construction works such as Railway Electrification and the trunk routes working close to saturation levels.

Appointment, Promotion etc. Rules, 1971 of K.V.S.

182. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's Appointment, Promotion, Seniority etc. Rules 1971 and the attached Sechedule were duly approved by KVS' Board of Governors ;

(b) if so, what are the dates and details of the meeting in which the said Rules were passed ;

(c) whether the Chairman of KVS is competent to effect changes in these Rules and the attached schedule I ;

(d) if so, what are the details the relevant provisions empowering him to do so; and

(e) if the reply to part (d) above be in the negative, what is the validity of changes recently introduced by the Chairman of KVS in recruitmental qualifications, experience etc. and short listing pattern with regard to the recruitment of trained graduate teachers in particular and other categories in general, who are likely to be interviewed soon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The rules were approved by Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in its 16th meeting held on 19-8-1971.

(c) and (d) The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in its 46th meeting held on 3-12-85 authorised the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to approve the framing of Recruitment Rules for various posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan subject to adoption by the Board of Governors.

(e) Does not arise.

Interview for the Posts of P. G. Ts. in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

183. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some additional candidates are being called for interview for the posts of Post Graduate Teachers by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan ;

(b) if so, whether the cut off marks have been reduced for them; and

(c) what is the justifications and reasons therefor ?